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Home –
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My dearest loved ones!
I'm going to get a letter off to you or bust!! It may not be a volume but a note – anyway now I'll write. Mercy, how full the days are! and how they fly by. This week has been very full and yesterday I planned to finish my cards for Christ write + such + spent all day as I'll tell you later – so just now 8:30 I'm in my desk clear – to begin the week to prepare for exams on Wed. + finish up our relief work. I went to Chinese church this a.m. + but not to foreign service and had a nice long sleep + done a lot I know the Master wanted me to do!
I know you're interested in our work. It still is progressing! Monday + all week finished garments all cotton padded + lovely have been coming in + my room been piled up with them. I tell you that I kind of clutter + litter in a room de –

delights my heart! It's been such fun. Monday some money was given to help families such as our committee met here again for last meeting to decide about it etc. Hear report of number of garments + whom to help etc! We had tea + cakes as usual + it was such fun!

Wednesday, no Tues. Mr. Li, my teacher, brought a poor family he's been hunting + just happened to meet in the street up to the porch + we gave this poor old woman a pair of trousers! Sounds funny doesn't it - but they're warm that's the reason women wear them - if you can only afford 2 garments you'll wear trousers + coat, they tie them in at the ankle so they are warm) + the boys trouser + coat - Bless her heart she was so happy!

I got a picture of her - Mr. Li explained the gospel to her + she seemed to understand - One of the girls has given $5 to set up this older boy in a little peddling business, He seems clever + we trust he'll be able to make a bit! The woman has a skin disease disease which comes from the damp ground they live in + sleep on - Yes, that is literally true!! I've

3) no words to describe conditions
Well then Shuts. I met a boy on
the street - ever so thin trousers -
said had no property no home - I
don't decide such cases for the
Chiefs can tell when folks are
really sincere - so I told him to
come here at 2! 30 & Mr. Li could
talk to him. I came on home &
have waiting on the steps were
two of the most unclad women
& two babies - They'd been waiting 2 hrs.
away clothes - law? who knows?
maybe the rickshaw men told
them I've seen the cloth come & go
& come back clothes -- so I told
them to come back at 2! 30. When
Mr. Li came we had a yard full
for the boy's friends came too &
a crowd is the easiest to get in
the world. We were in the midst
of talking then etc - & in walked
two priests of the Taoist temple, -
also wanting money. Well, it struck
me so funny! I wondered what next!
They were well dressed & had several
silk robes in their hands already.
Mr. Li talked to them & they couldn't
tell the main idea of their religion
so he felt they were make-believe -
anyway they wanted him to
persuade me to give them money

4) saying she doesn't know - you
tell her + child girl. He said oh
yes she understands you. Later, he
left + went up in the house + left
me - so they began on me. I kept
repeating we'd given all our
money for the poor + they weren't
poor etc - So at last they went.
Then onto me begging in the
face of those poorer ones!!
Well, we spent an hour of
study time - gave the one woman
a warm fine coat + a letter
to Mrs. Lui to investigate their
homes. That's all we can do for
there are many professional
beggars who would sell the clothes
+ not put more on - as they couldn't
look retarded if they did. So we
have to know what we're about.
Then we studied after we'd fixed
them up. Next day four
ragged urchins were waiting +
when I came out later another
woman + baby. I couldn't give
as we'd no clothes + they weren't
investigated so gave them coppers
+ sent them away!!! See how
the news spreads. One can't have
all of them coming day after
day - but soon we won't
have any more + then they
won't come! But it is useless

3] joy to have come to help these poor folks. Friday the 2 finished garments came in and that nite Mr. Li. + (one of the servants helped to wrap) + I put names on bundles + what was in each to prepare to give out on Sat; I won't repeating to go as there is always so much detail here to see about - but Sat a.m. Elder Hsü + Mr. Li were the only ones to go - Miss Wood came to say she couldn't go in P.M. + see them off + as they urged us to come with them we went - I'm so glad we did go!! We took a lot of pictures - I'll send later. I never saw such conditions. See lots of thin are really intelligent folks - not professionals - but 50 of 59 counties of Shantung are destitute from bandits, war + lack of rain last year - so they're optimistic hoping + live! They dig into the hills + sleep in little cave like place + many just no clothes at all; after have seen little houses - made of mats - or gunny sack - such impossible places - I can't describe them. How they live I can't conceive. Well we got there + met

[6] was fortunate we had this careful list of names - otherwise we'd been mobbed. But they were satisfied not to get if names were on! But they'd crowd close + plead for things - little babies no shoes + little bare legs. Then they begged us to write their names. We all our tickets full of clothes was a drop in the bucket!! My heart just been breaking there weeks over these conditions. Then after all'd been given Mr. Li preached to them + it was so sweet! He has such a gentle spirit + told them it was not that we were't willing to give but that was all we had - then from that told of temperances of life + of about Heaven + Jesus. It was wonderful. I wouldn't have missed it for anything!

I went again after dinner with Mrs. Li + two Chinese girls!! My dear ones I've found a woman on the wooden bed - naked - but covered over with rags - many before were thinly clad! but she had none!! We had no trousers they were all given out

4) Lent a nice warm coat, + it was a joy to see her put that on!! You remember that green + white laine apron I wore at home - we gave old things + they were used as linings - how the coat Mrs. Lui gave her was lined with that. The Chinese women were so clever using up old things to line etc!! I'll will give her trousers + shoes + stockings, as we went along to go to give them we met Miss Ling - a most wonderful Chinese woman who teaches at the Pui school, which has made over 100 garments for us She went along + it surely was the Master's leading. She was just appalled! She'd no idea such conditions existed. In P. M. she went to a Sunday-school committee meeting for Christmas + as a result this a.m. the porter asked each one to bring wrapped in red paper some food, clothing or money to give to those people! Isn't that sweet! We must pray that all this will bring souls to the Master. I have faith it will because He has led so definitely

8] in it all. & "work in His name is not in vain" as He has promised.

Well, now its late & I must get to bed to be able to be ready for the coming few days exams & it will be hard! I'll need much study time on this but the Master Knows and will help I am sure.

No letters this week - so next week maybe they'll come. its about every 2 weeks. A fine box of postcards from Woodburn little girls. I've fixed some for Korea Mr. Wang & Kuo. Mrs. Warner's box came yesterday. I opened it this A.M. early & put I felt suddenly wee wool hose & I redded them - sure enough they lovely fit's! Marie's box has been a couple of weeks but it will wait.

Anita Irwin is coming to spend vacation with me, I'm glad.

The letter Mr. Sams has come & stayed a happy united group! Its fine he called home.

Kitty-mite doesn't dear ours - I love you so & hope so you'll have a Happy Christmas. Keep well & be careful of yourselves

Love & prayers - Jean -

(not reread save mistakes)

Put over a clear white paper it will be cleaner.

Copied 12-24-'29 M.A.M.

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China

To Korea and Back again to China

If my friendships depended on letter writing I am very sure I would be friendless. Now for letters dated last December and March in my huge pile of memories to mention. I am sure you will forgive and understand.

After the Nanking Incident, our Board and consul wanted all its nationals within places in order to avoid further complication. It was best and really befriending China, for that time of uncertainty though we were very loathe to leave precious Peking, we went to Pyengyang Korea. It was indeed a blessing and a joy to visit that model mission field, and such an inspiration to see the great number of christians. Early Sunday morning, church bells begin to ring and could be heard all day long, as the more than a dozen churches call people to church and Sunday School. In order to seat all for Sunday services men, women and children met at different hours & attended one school, into an auditorium almost two thousand. It's a sight to see the children in brilliant colored suits and the grown peoples all in the national white clothes. Their prayers, devotions to Bible Study and sacrificial giving could teach us at home a many lessons.

Besides the inspiration of the christian work, we found the country and the people most interesting. Korea has great variety of scenery, rugged mountains, pine covered hills rolling

plains and well-watered, fertile valleys. The rice ~~was~~ were was new to me, and very interesting - Paddy fields are flooded and a man wading over knee-deep in the mud, plows with an ox. How oriental it seems! The rice is planted in the mud, and later men and women wade in the mud long days to thin it. We missed the harvesting scene.

The clothes of Koreans are unique. The grown people men and women, wear all white. Long full pantaloons tied in at the ankles, with a long white top coat for the men and small black horse hair hats. The women wear pleated wrap around skirts and in Pyengyang a quaint white headdress. The children's clothes follow similar designs, but of most brilliant colors.

You with the joy of a laundry and electric washer would be amazed as we, to see the women washing clothes at the edge of a stream or near a hydrant in the city, or a little muddy puddle of water beating the clothes on flat rocks with big flat paddles. How they get the clothes so beautifully white is a mystery! Here is a greater one, however. Here is a Korean gentleman. Not only are his long white coat and full trousers spotless but are perfectly ironed and have glossy and shining! How do they do it when they iron as I saw by beating the wet cloth with a wooden stick, much like a policeman's "billy", on a block of wood or stone which is about three feet long and seven inches wide. The block I saw had been used in this family for over seventy years. Often two women sit on the floor, no chairs in Korean homes, on either side of the stone, and pound together. It seems to be a little exertion as they sit relaxed and the motion comes entirely from the wrist. When dry enough, the cloth is put on with an iron - a big tea pot-like shaped one filled with hot coals. The cloth is held smooth and ironed. Primitive surely - but effective in results if not in saving time.

3 Who has not longed to see Japan in cherry
blossom time! We had the joy of this sight and
the lovely gardens and parks in Korea and I shall
never forget the exquisite beauty and charm
of those blossoms. It was on a hill and on the
way up we passed shrines to idols and could see the
sparkling water in the sea below. But the sight
the cherry blossoms! Words fail in description. It
truly was a heavenly sight! The big trees perfect-
ly covered with cherry blossoms. The blossoms
single have almost no fragrance. There is no mistake,
but there is in the spring just this glorious beau-
ty of blossoms with the charm of the gardens made a
lasting impression — winding paths beneath a bower
of wisteria, dark green hedges, little pagodas,
stone lanterns leading up to a heathen shrine,
palms several feet high carved of stone, pink azalea,
low flowering bushes, Koreans in white
clothes, Japanese ladies in brilliant kimonos
walking along on wooden shoes — all combined
to make it very picturesque. We feasted on its beauty!

From the garden we went to try Korean food
The rooms in inn were full, we were taken to a
steam room back inside of courtyard. We took
off our shoes and sat on the floor. The room was
about eight by twelve feet. At the back
wall were massive chests trimmed with silver, on
top of which were piled sleeping pads covered with
red and blue silk. Chests and mirror are
the important articles of furniture in a Korean home.
A small table about twelve inches high completes
the furnishings. The floor was cool but had
it been winter it would have been hot. It
was of mats of straw and mud covered with
with many layers of strong paper well

4. oiled, so is very durable and sanitary. Under the floor a system of connecting trenches are dug, so that heat of the fire light at one end is fed from the outside of the building will circulate and heat the entire floor space. At last we managed to get our feet under the little table and beg to eat as best we could with slick chopsticks. It eat the most slippery food made, Korean "kooksu" Kooksu is a kind of flat macaroni-like string made of buckwheat flour mixed with meat in soup. If by good fortune you can get one wound on the chopstick and succeed in getting it so for as your mouth before the "slippery little" began" fall off, just draw in your breath until it breaks or you can bite it off, - if you have not strangled before you can! It was such fun and really one huge bowl full for which we paid fifteen sen or seven and one half American cents was very satisfying.

This same day we watched an old potter while the old Korean pottery was being duplicated, as with swift deft fingers he formed vases and bowls from the soft clay on the whirling wheel in front of him. We were reminded of Jeremiah's visit and Paul's word about the vessels of honor in II Tim. 2:21. We first thought some vessels he made were to be open bowl but he curved it's edges together and made a beautifully shaped vase - So our life plans may be changed from our first plans but if we are willing it's the Master who is moulding us - our part is to yield.

How sweetly and gently the Father leads and prepares the way! He knew the experiences ahead for me when He led me to this wonderful family in Pyengyang for they and the friends that helped

me these the most bitter yet the most precious experience of my life - my father's death. I know many of you were praying for me then, and may I say to this praise how wonderfully those prayers were answered in the unspeakable peace and comfort He has given. It has taught me in a new way the comfort of God alone. Truly "My Grace is sufficient". How it all has come a new consecration to give this comfort and my Christ to those who know Him not. Thank you more than words can tell for your prayers. End

I spent the hot season at Sorai Beach, a glorious place where we felt the majesty of the sea and mountains, played and swam and had many helpful contacts with Korean missionaries. I had a splendid Christian Chinese teacher and put in long hours on Chinese. I've never attempted anything quite so fascinating as this Chinese language - not difficult.

Now we are back in China. We regretted leaving Korean friends who were so kind to us, but our hearts were glad to return - even tho China is all upset and war-torn. The Chinese suffer so from the war-lords. The need still shows the more that Christ is the solution of China's woes! Tsingtao, formerly German then Japanese now Chinese, is said to be one of the most beautiful and desirable harbors in the world. The city is German in architecture, truly a foreign city, with German, Russian, British, Japanese + Chinese shops. Language classes begin Monday. The family of a missionary gone interior and I live in attic floor of the house used for language classes. I am very comfortable.

One year in China it seems impossible. In spite of all it has been one of the happiest - because I feel I am in His will. "Hitherto hath the Lord led" - Henceforth - "I am with you always."

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China
December 29, 1927

My own Precious Mummie + Loved Ones!

Well, its now eight o'clock - + my letter is late again but I really expect in the Christmas rush it wouldn't get off very soon anyway, at any rate I can't write before this week so I'll hurry now to get it off.

In the big Christmas-mail came your two letters of Nov. 25 + Dec 1. It was so good to hear as it had been some time I think the wharf strike in Shanghai held them up some! But I got them + with such joy too!! Glad Mummie you had such a nice visit with all the Albany folks, + Weatherfords + Mrs. Kahn. Seems so queer to be just hearing now about Thanksgiving. Got such a fine letter from Bessie telling all about the dinner etc. Sounded so good. Mummie dear heart it is hard tis here to be going thru all this alone as you remember last year who all were there but still it would be so much sadder if he had it gone after such conditions. We do have so much to be grateful for don't we? Mr. Merklinger said Naomi was unable to come home Thanks. because of the infantile - That would surely give them a fright - I'm sure -, you mentioned having heard Dinkie - but didn't say what she

said or your opinion of that post-
That letter reached here at Christmas
day + the other the day after - That
precious "Line a Day" came only a couple
days late + that is good. The post office
I know is just swamped with parcels.
I waited an hour yesterday for one +
I saw them stamping just huge piles
of parcel slips. The congestion at
Shanghai must be great too - it
gets so at home even. I am so happy
to have the "Line a Day". That is a perfect-
ly beautiful one! Such nice leather
+ think I can lock all the secrets of
my life away now - (Can't tell what
they'd be but anyway I can) That
is just exactly what I wanted. Thank
you so much! I'm so sorry I didn't
begin with my appointments + Keep it
up - there would have been much
of interest + I can't put it in now
I fear. Thank you Lorry!! so much!
It was so sweet of you to send
it. I appreciate it so!! Because
it was a book I didn't have to
go for it, nor Marguerites, but it
was delivered. That was nice too!!
Am glad Cecil is doing it all so
carefully about the estate - There are
so many loop holes + technicalities
+ I want it right. I hope there is
surely plenty - but me know if
you need anything! My precious
mummie mine - I can do so
little for you - but just love you

2) such heaps + I hope the big old ocean doesn't stop any of it but you can know that I love you so !!!
So the house is rented. I'm glad - that is cheap but better than nothing + it will keep it up better - I trust. I just can't conceive anyone else living there - I laughed over your bargaining + setting your price + leaving - that's so Chinese it amused me! + also is coming back the next a.m. Wonder what letter Auntie A. mentioned last winter ?. I answered it - but haven't had any since.
Now I've answered the letters. I'll go back + try to account for myself - if I can - I rate last on Sun. before exams I believe - that Mon + Tues. I put in long hrs + hard review. My teacher stayed over time to make up what we'd lost the week before - The exams proved to be rather easy - that's not so bad. But I was so glad to get them over. Wednesday nite I got off last candy + planned some on the next day. Thurs. I made the fruit rock (I'd made the fondant before. The table boy helped me to stir it - and cream etc. Really, doing the candy + helping decorate the house + table for the dinner made it seem more like Christmas, than anything else - Mrs. Eames was truly [illegible]

4] perfectly great to me - said, "go in + help yourself! Make anything you wish" Thurs P.M. went downtown + night + Friday a.m. went down to get boxes etc, with mrs. J sent a few boxes to friends here + there with mrs. Walter we sent to all the members of the committee - Chinese + then a couple other friends Friday nite Anita Irwin came to stay with me. She is living at another house here - her friends in the house almost all went to Shanghai. I like her very much. You'll find her name in the Nanhuchow station. She came for almost a week - went home yesterday - I mean this a.m. It was so nice to have her + to be expecting some "family" to come - that's what I called her. It was another sweet provision of the Master to give that joy. It was the 4th the day of play + so nice to have someone to play with! Fri nite Alet Moseley covered boxes with red paper while I made fudge, + peanut brittle + more cream, etc, Anita stuffed dates. There is a kind of Chinese date not unlike the Persian which we also used. It was such fun to make all the things.

5] Saturday a. m. we filled boxes - m. E. made divinity. In the midst 3 traders came to get money to give out - It was fun after all boxes filled to decorate the house. a friend had sent some festoons holly wreaths from America + so we were all dressed up. P. M. the boy took some of my boxes + I took some + we managed to get all delivered + I got in to the big german church for ½ hour to hear their music. My! the Germans just can sing + play! The church was dark but for candles on the ends of each pew + two big trees in front, one on each side, with no trimming but just a myriad of candles! They have a prize organ + all the music in the stillness was restful after a rushing day. Miss Mary Stewart, of Leiningfu, lives at a German hotel. She was allowed to invite a guest for their Christmas dinner - she asked me + the Douglases asked Anita - so we wore our best dresses (that for Dr georgette) + went. It was interesting to see the german menu - very elaborate - table heavily loaded with trimming + dishes of nuts - fruit, etc - We had about six

b) course I think must make they had a beautiful tree - I think in the war we got such distorted views of Germans that I found myself being surprised at their beautiful keeping of Christmas, down true Kipling's lines are "But there is neither East nor West Border, nor Breed, nor Birth When Christmas comes with all its joy to make of one the earth" After dinner we sat around the tree + talked of our various Christmas observances with the German men + wives we guests - and I felt again the oneness which Christ's spirit brings to races + people otherwise different. Sunday A. M. we wakened early + went in in our bathrobes to Mrs. Eames room where the kiddies were awake + all opened our packages. Then Nita + I read the Christmas story - had fruit in bed + slept an hour more. We went to the Chinese service + it was so perfectly lovely! I can't describe the thrill of hearing - "Joy to World" Noël, "While Shepherds watched" etc

1] + the Christmas story in Chinese!! They had a very dignified - well planned + organized program. This church is indigenous. They have no church building as yet but meet in the theatre. The front was nicely decorated with flowers + a beautiful big red banner with gold letters or characters - Merry Christmas - A mixed choir sang + they did it very well, then a man sang a solo + kiddies sang + spoke. They looked too cute in their little long coats!! It was a splendid service. At end - I told you before they were to bring. for these poor folks were investigating - big baskets, baskets full of clothes + food were brot up all wapped in red paper. Then the money too an offering to go to them. It was so sweet to see such a giving spirit emphasized! We had a nice dinner but not the turkey. P.M. after a sleep this foreign service. It was nice too. At the white gift - many clothes were given, some food + 9.40 in money - Some toys — which they turned over to our committee to give out. It was fun opening all the packages! Almost all was very useful. I sent a S.O.S. to Mr.

8) to come to get it. He + two other teachers came + they will grill it out. Monday was a gorgeous warm sunny day - So five of us collected lunch + walked out to the Hook" - a peninsula with craggedy rocks jutting out in the bay - built a little fire + cooked our dinner. It was glorious the sea + waves were so pretty + we were warm in the sun!! Rushed back at 4 to help Mrs. E. get the table ready for their station dinner - 11 of us. We fixed a pretty little tree in center with cotton + icicles + snow - with just candle light! It was pretty we dressed up again - to have the dinner — The grocer from who they buy foreign things sent a turkey as a gift. Wed. Thurs. it rained. Nita + had a errand downtown in a.m. + p.m slept till 4 when we went to tea a Dr. + Mrs. Dalfonts (new like me - for Siming station.) They have such pretty silver + dishes - his mothers + their wedding gifts that it was so pretty + just the kind of a raw bleak day to enjoy visiting inside. That nite

I we read 50 pages of our required 1000 of English reading on China. Nita painted in pictures while I read. Wed. we started out early to call on some sick folks - + friends - P.M. Miss Lin + Mrs Chiao came + we went to hear a concert at a restaurant + had coffee + cakes. From there rushed up to Pres. compound to dinner. Most Mr. Chandler (you'll find them at this station in prayer book) had asked Anita + I + three other single girls to help eat goose. They had a nice dinner + we enjoyed it very much!! It was cold yesterday turned so cold + more today. We surely were cold coming home. This a.m. Nita went home - + I miss her so much! This a.m. I had errands to do - walked so far but it was nice in the cold - P.M. Mrs Lin came to see more about our committee work - + bring the report. We had tea. I bought some Chinese tea today - not expensive like yours mine by the way - how is yours? all gone? Also a tea pot + cups at

10] my own. No use to use Mrs. E. all the time & make her give my guests tea - This way I'm free to serve them as I wish without waiting for her to suggest. This no nice about it - but I like this way. Slept slept 1½ hrs - & after supper sorted cards & letters & began this - now you know all about me - & the doing up to date.

Mrs. Warner wrote such a nice letter - also sent 2 lovely pairs of wool hose - Mr Etta $5 gold - got Bessie check - bless their hearts - I appreciate their gift so much! Rec'd so many cards from Woodbern folks. 3 letters from Gervais - It was surely nice of them to remember me!! It has helped lots too. I don't really realize that this has been Christmas in a way - weather, place, people, all so different. But the Master has been very close & precious thru all of it. It has been hard but a happy Christmas I kept thinking all day I wonder what Daddy Si is doing & how is God's counts they kept this birthday

Next A.M. My hand is stiff - from working in cold water 11 it's awful scrubbing - Just returned from watching the Chinese committee of this church I told you of give out their bread. They had some $60 in collection + bought flour - had it made into little steamed loaves of bread. Mrs Lee + Mrs Chan gave out the tickets + there were over or about 400 - that represents families who were given food some six or seven of these little loaves. Mrs. Lee asked me to come + if I liked to take some pictures, I went out in the crowd of poor ragged folks - with the Chinese minister + a policeman - got 3 but it was hard as they'd all move toward the camera. I was delayed + almost didn't get back in - you can imagine how big a crowd there was. They had policemen at the door to keep order + keep them out - I think of that perky auction jewelry sale at Salem Bessie + I were in + the way that mob pushed - before the doors were open even - just to get a ticket for a thing they didn't need + I don't blame these poor, hungry folks for crowding. The order was

kept well but once - Mrs. Lui was giving tracts & [illegible] and no bread ticket & tho't the tracts were & began crowding back into the door they were to go out - but after a little they got them out & all in order - It was so fine because it was the Chinese who collected the money & prepared & gave it all - no foreigner had any part in it - I was truly only a tool & just an invitation to take pictures & because it came indirectly from our work Mrs Lui thought I'd enjoy going. It was a great experience. My! how sweetly the Master has led and brought this work so little at first on its way & with blessing. Yesterday we gave $4 to a man whose wife had just died & left a wee baby & absolutely no one to care for it — the woman who was nursing it - was not giving it food - so this money is for him to go back to his home & his mother can care for it. We have not often given money nor this much but it is in reality the price of the child's life, so cheap at that. Well, dear ones, I want to get this on the mail tomorrow so will close now. Just rec'd a Chinese letter inviting me to a dinner at a Chinese home tomorrow. These contacts are so precious, I praise the Master so for His care & presence & for you blessed dear ones. Lots of love - Irene

Ellis Hicks
C/o mrs. C. M. Eames
Sunday P. M.
1927

My dearest Anes;

My last letter was such a hasty note I'll try to go back + pick up a few bits of news I've ~~there~~ had a week ago Sun. the last day I was + all the last days of my stay there such good talks + visits with Mrs. Hw. principally more then than before because I definitely saw to it that I wasn't too busy to play with her. I feel I've definitely lost a bit this winter by being so unutterably busy — so tried to make up. She went with me to hear Mr. Hacks who was back + was helped I know. How sweet all were to me — my dear. She gave me beside the lovely jade ring as a remembrance a beautiful rose silk dress to be made up. It's just a lovely piece of heavy crepe de chine quality — I was just speechless. She likes me in pink + rose best. At the last breakfast I gave

them each a gift each they
received much — I'd not done
give her chinese things a had
nothing nice of foreign things
at last gave her a pair of
pink silk bloomers + pink
shirt + kiddies New Testa-
ments - (not come yet) little
purses + barbees seemed to
please them. They all came
with me when I moved out
here — we got a carriage —
I can't conceive what country's
style — German maybe since
all the other things were of
that origin — piled in my junk
& mer all came. Little Sister
wanted to swim so when we
arrived our first act was
to get into suits + dash into
the ocean — the little girl
asked her mother before I
left if when I left I'd kiss
her goodbye — She certainly
was devotedly attached!
Mr. Walter went in to get
my typewriter + she said

3] "mei mei" insisted on waiting for me at the next meal + wouldn't eat till I came. ah! if that week following wasn't hot + strenuous — for two days I went on to school but except for chapel + two periods studied character cards then we decided we'd just do it at home because there were so few of us - so in a.m. I "closeted myself" with my cards + dug — in P.M. my teacher came as before to help me with "Philippians". Hated now of my little street groups I talked to - another day they were there waiting so on Sunday - my last day I had another meeting which was such fun! I loved it! I took my exams + ah how I praise Him for His help — all is done + I can scarcely believe it - I've some time to count on 3rd years work. How I have received the blessings and joys of this year

I did note in my diary "Exceeding abundantly" about truly that verse is a sort of a prophecy of future of each step + that even it is over I feel it is the only word to summarize the blessings! Beginning in October with a summer illness as a basis- given strength for all the months — only one Spring cold — wonderful friends — visitors with mrs. Eames - this matters leading in our poor relief work - so many clients found — a client home + all the time the health + blessings + health this when many predicted eating clinic food envious — + even getting fat on it — for I'm fatter than when I moved here — oh the blessings are too many to mention - not to mention the spiritual blessings + unity of spirit in the schools!

5] Billy is out in the kitchen talking a blue streak — Gene is funny because he's beginning to talk English. he surely gets all mixed up with his pronouns - he just said "my is all right" - Jo + John have both grown so much that can just see them change. The baby of last winter is just flying around + trying so to talk + really is succeeding wonderfully at it! They are so cute - John especially! mom

About here yesterday mrs. Lew + kiddies came out to see me. The "little Sister" would leave her mother no peace till they came. We had a nice time on the rocks + took a picture or two! "mimi" didn't want to go home at all! They are just lovely + such wonderful friends! I surely love them. They'll be back on Friday + will eat our lunch out someplace.

I didn't tell you that Mr. Davies asked me about a teacher for next year! I suggested my niece Mr. Sisco he will be my teacher - (I study ½ time) and

& the rest of the time I will do full time evangelistic work for example when I'm in the country etc'. I'm so happy to have him!! Really Mr. Davies has been awfully nice - everything I've suggested he's tried to get for me'. The home proposition may turn out in Julia + Eliz time + her mother visiting the other children as she wants to do for a year. Ah this would be so lovely! I'd adore it ' Seems just too good to be true ! But this is still up in the air a bit!

After exams were over, I stayed in + slopped for the O'Tois things + Rachel's spent about ½ day getting them, + wrapping + trip to Post office I do hope they'll be satisfied with them'

Eve Eve. Sat. Mrs. Chandler asked me again to come for a meal with them out to Strand

I It was lonely and I enjoyed it very much I
I wrote a note to you on my birthday aug. 5— I hope you get the letter all right before miss Benton writes you. I went to dentist mon. a.m. aug 6. + then took letter out to her to mail on boat with hopes of it reaching you first!
I came here on Thursday + Rest!!
I say I never have had so much time with nothing to press me or rush me just to rest + maybe I haven't needed it before quite as I do now. The Master knows + provides. I don't let that remark alarm you - just a good night's tired from full days + work. - Mrs. Ramey insisted I not get up the first morning - so Mosely brought me breakfast + I slept all that day - got up for meals - Saturday again. Slept but had a glorious swim in great white waves + breakers. Sun. didn't do much but sleep + go to song service at nite.

I write you - entertain mrs. Htw -
Today I've rested less + felt
much better. See my greatest
remedy + also greatest
praise to the Master this mo.
is to rest + store up strengths
for this winter! I hope to write
the letters but I'll set myself
not to do something merely becau
I ought for these weeks - that's
to be part of my resting!
You know for years this Kinglas
field hasn't had a woman
worker - & not till last winter
much of a Bible woman -
now thyre the Mrs Chow + a
miss Wang - also I'm just
learned this wonderful
miss Chiao the sister of the Y.
friend + the one who taught in
Nanking Bible School I told
you of - will most likely be
here + asked us to go with
us to the country !! Oh, dear
ones do pray as never before
for our definite blessing
on this work R. I do so feel God

I is preparing for a blessing for the work- but the measure of your prayers + intercession will determine lots! Can you challenge your Roaring Mining - Society and - my dear co-workers as they support me in funds to build Bethel, Jervais + Woodburn the same too! do so in this work in prayer - for a great revival of Christians and winning of precious souls!

Mumi dear! yours of July 3 + 11 to answer!

Hope you had a nice picnic at Jacks 4th! Think of Opal's + Alvis babies christened! The world do move!! What Mr. + Mrs Mabel married to? Thank all the dear ones for the remembrance - tell Mrs. Mack I'll write her soon. I gave a lot of her John's gospels at those little street group meetings + I felt at the time I must tell her so she'll be so happy to know. I was so impressed with the eagerness with which some listened + took the gospels!

10] Aug. 20 — mr. Eames is going with a party of artists at consul's request as a party of inspection into training + report conditions mr. E. will stay till October! Stella + Mr. Walter who are here in the next room are to go in later if all is well + mrs. Seymour will go in + break it up, home + sell what she can... It will not be an easy trip I know!

Ray is always interested in my matrimonial state — this pike's latest report!!!! That he'd like to know — Anita Owen of (Nanduchow) who is rooming with me just read it to me!

Ah! I'm a lovely coat of sunburn on my arms + neck! Will get another layer tonite —

Bye dearest ones loads of to the most precious loved ones a girl ever had!! I love you so — bye for this time + God bless you —

By — Irene

Here interesting stories of conv.
Mr. Haldeman told me on the
Occasion of [1927] ✓ at the time
of his death of Y.M.C.A. + one
of most loved men of Korea. Who
his body was sent to his home
people came by thousands to the
train. In his early career not
then a Christian was sent on official
mission to America. Here he asked
a Senator the reason for America's
success + when told "The Bible, was
he tried to get one in China. to
read. In Wash. there was none but they
got him one from N.Y. He read it
was impressed but says it was not
so good as some of Confucius works.
Later in connection with the
Independence movement here he was
put in prison for 2 years + permitted
to take books. He took Bible + some
of Confucius' At the end he was
convinced that the ethics of Bible
was the need of his people but not
that Christ was God. However he
left prison to begin an independ

sion enterprise teaching the
ies of Christ + Confucius. Soon
he was arrested again. He asked
why + the soldiers couldn't tell
him - but said he could take
no books. For several days he
was almost desperate with
nothing to do. At last lifted
the matting rug hoping to find
even a few bugs to divert him
+ here was a paper gospel of John.
In delight he read it through once
each day all the time in jail
a mo. or more. At last they
came + offering no reason at all
released him. He came out believing
Christ to be God. + became a
marvelous worker! He never knew
why he was arrested until he said
God sent him there to be converted.
II.

A man was given a New Testa-
ment in a country district by
a colporteur who explained what
it was etc. The man feared to
take it lest he anger his spirits
+ feared to destroy it lest he
anger the spirits it told about

3) did not want to believe. It was laid on a shelf + forgotten. Later his house was burned + practically all left was in the rubbish this testament unhurt. That to him was sign of power of its spirits so he became a christian by that circumstance.

This story Dr. Halderaft said a friend of his got from the now old lady. He himself had not heard her till it but expected when again in Songdo to go to see her. She as a young daughter-in-law of heathen parents went to live in a heathen home. She was quite ill - She said to her Knowledge she'd up to this time had never heard the name Jesus. One night - in a dream - a most beautiful being - man came to her + said "I am Jesus" come with me. He took her over valley after valley to a most beautiful city + to a great building where he showed her two books one red + one green. He opened one + read "Ask" - Seek + you shall find etc + told her to go home + follow this doctrine. She then

awakened thinking how strange —
but not daring discuss it with
her parents-in-law. Later while
working at the river a woman told
her all she knew was there was
a Jesus doctrine. At her father's birth
day she went home to visit (one of
the few times they'd be allowed to
go) & on entering the first she saw
were two books, one red & one green
Her father explained that since her
marriage they'd become Christians.
She asked him if the book had
words like Seek & Ask etc - Father
said yes but couldn't find them
so they called a Bible woman
who explained it all to her
& she became a Christian
& herself later a Bible woman.
Here we were speaking of as
instances of working of the
Spirit to which we often
are ignorant. I'm mailing
copy of Seoul station report to be
used as you can. It is so nice to feel
that your church is mine & I
belong to them - Goodnite
Love, Irene.

9] the Sotai porch-labo with a study! It's too palatial!! Really not so as it might seem tho. See we've no living room downstairs + one can't study with a toaster in dining room + all the family + ~~this~~ beyond all thought to take a chinese man into your bed ~~room~~ so this makes us a place to study + also a kind of sitting room. Mrs. E. came in last night to (knit while) started your letter. It is above my expectation just the way the Lord does supply for us!! In the winter I'll eat this room + my little dressing room only. There is an oil stove I can use in the dressingroom + that will be enuf for it We're going down to buy a little heater for this room. The arrangement seems to be that I buy my own fuel; I'm satisfied with that - then can burn as much as I like + be comfy + no one to object. Not that Mrs. E. would at all but just in case. The big bed room would be harder to keep warm + besides sleeping

in the warmth first part of night + dressing in cold in a.m. wouldn't do so well: I am so happy with this arrangement: It seems most ideal! There is a piano in the house - to be rented reportedly. If it isn't much Mrs. E. + I may rent it together. This isn't necessary particularly but if it isn't much I'd enjoy it. I think the baby is about bathed so will close + get this off, it's a wee bit late (Tues a.m.)
If no one is in a quandry about a Christmas gift for me - I'd love to have a "Five a day Diary" - good for five years + has just a little space. That would fill my first term + it might be a valuable record. I'd never keep a big diary but think I might this. Silk wool + wool (not too heavy) of tan + grey varieties would be nice —.
Bye dearest dear ones! How I'd love to run in + see all of you + have a visit but I'm very happy to be here + as this is going to be a full happy year I know but hard. I need your prayers for this old Tamil language - that is such fun to struggle over. I talked to a Chinese boy on boat - which never heard - but in my limit of language could do much. Some "pidgin" How I longed to just be free to talk. Lots of love to all -.
Your Irene.